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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF VICE ADMIRAL JON BOYES AS
-- DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL (DDG) NICSMA

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1. PLEASE INFORM THE SYG THAT THE US NOMINATES MAJOR
GENERAL THOMAS M. RIENZI, USA, TO REPLACE VADM BOYES AS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, NICSMA.

2. PORTIONS OF GENERAL RIENZI'S BIOGRAPHY DIRECTLY
APPLICABLE TO THE DDG POSITION FOLLOW:

A. JUN 72 - TO DATE: ASST CHIEF OF STAFF FOR
COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS, UNITED STATES ARMY.

B. JUN 70 - MAY 72: COMMANDING GENERAL, US STRATEGIC
COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND-PACIFIC AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF,
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COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS, US ARMY PACIFIC.

C. FEB 69 - JUN 70: COMMANDING GENERAL, 1ST SIGNAL
BRIGADE, US ARMY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND AND
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS, US
ARMY, VIETNAM.

D. SEP 68 - FEB 69: DEP COMMANDING GENERAL, 1ST SIGNAL BRIGADE, US ARMY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND, US ARMY PACIFIC-VIETNAM.

E. APR 66 - SEP 68: COMMANDING GENERAL, US ARMY SIGNAL CENTER AND COMMANDANT, US ARMY SIGNAL SCHOOL, FORT MONMOUTH.

E. JAN 65 - MAR 66: CHIEF, COMBAT SURVEILLANCE OFFICE, US ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND.

F. AUG 63 - JAN 65: EXECUTIVE, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER (LATER OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRONICS, US ARMY, WASHINGTON, D.C.)

3. GENERAL RIENZI RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY, A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AND A MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

4. IN ADDITION TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL, GENERAL RIENZI HOLDS THE LEGION OF MERIT WITH OAK LEAF CLUSTER, THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH OAK LEAF CLUSTER, THE AIR MEDAL (6 AWARDS) AND THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH OAK LEAF CLUSTER.

5. MAJOR GENERAL RIENZI IS UNIQUELY QUALIFIED IN MANAGING COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS SYSTEMS. HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPERIENCE SPANS THE FULL RANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MANPACK RADIO AT THE PLATOON LEVEL TO THE TACTICAL SYSTEMS OF THE BATTALION, BRIGADE AND CORPS, TO THE LARGE COMPLEX FIXED-PLANT THEATER SYSTEMS, SIMILAR TO THE NATO INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (NICS) WITH THEIR EMPHASIS ON MICROWAVE, TROPOSPHERIC SCATTER AND SATELLITE SYSTEMS. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE MALLARD PROJECT, THE FORERUNNER OF TRI-TAC AND IS INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH THE TRI-TAC REQUIREMENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS, THE SOURCE OF THE TECHNOLOGY WHICH MAY BE APPLICABLE TO THE NICS. ADDITIONALLY, HE HAS BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS OF THE GERMANS, BRITISH, ITALIANS AND CANADIANS THROUGH HIS CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATION WITH THEIR SENIOR COMMUNICATORS. MAJOR GENERAL RIENZI HAS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS IN EUROPE THROUGH HIS MANY VISITS, HIS DIRECT ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORTING USCINCEUR AND AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT STUDY ON COMMAND, CONTROL, AND COMMUNICATIONS IN EUROPE,

WHICH IS HEAVILY NATO-ORIENTED.

6. IF ACCEPTED, MG RIENZI WILL BE PROMOTED TO LT. GEN.

7. ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC DATA BEING FORWARDED
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